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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. This morning I sent to Colonel White a memorandum prepared for his signature to General Cabell reporting the lack of success thus far with the Civil Service Commission in attempting to have the Commission designate a Security Hearing Board [REDACTED] case. Later this morning, Mr. Houston called and informed that General Cabell had agreed with our suggestion that we proceed to select a board with the greatest impartiality. Mr. Houston asked me to call Mr. L. V. Meloy, the Chief Law Officer of the Civil Service Commission and ask that he be an impartial witness to drawing names from a hat for the board.

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2. I called Mr. Meloy and asked him to cooperate with us to the extent mentioned. Mr. Meloy stated that it was his personal opinion that the Commission should have absolutely nothing to do with the case at this point. He felt his office should not serve as a witness and suggested that we attempt to get the Department of Justice to witness our actions. (Messrs. Houston and Maloon had already approached the Department of Justice on this point and Justice suggested that the Commission should be the witness.) Mr. Meloy stated that while this was his personal opinion, he would be glad to check the matter out with the Executive Director of the Commission, Mr. Macy. I asked Mr. Meloy whether Mr. Mapes who is to handle the Security Hearing Board rosters and monitor the security program for the Commission is in business yet and I was told that he is.

3. I relayed to Mr. Houston Mr. Meloy's personal opinion and his offer to clear the matter higher. Mr. Houston asked me to request Mr. Meloy to consult with Mr. Macy and point out that CIA felt it had an obligation to the Administration to take every possible step to insure absolute impartiality in the selection of a hearing board and that CIA felt the Commission could furnish this impartiality.

4. Mr. Meloy called back and advised that Mr. Macy agrees with his opinion but that if CIA wants to send a formal letter over, Mr. Macy will be glad to take the matter up with the Commissioners.

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